

## Notes

### CPS Subcommittee VA State Board of Social Services

August 18, 2011

#### **Attendees**

Margaret Schultze, JoAnn Wilson-Harfst, Tom Casteel, Al Wilson, Willie Greene, Teri Kiser Williams, Maggi Luca, Betty Wade Coyle, Betty Jo Zarris, Rita Katzman, Robert Spadaccini, Jack Ledden, Karin Clark, Jim Pope, Janine Sewell, Virginia Powell and Emily Gamble.

#### **Minutes**

Approved with one correction: spelling of Betty Wade Coyle's name.

#### **Presentation**

##### **State Child Fatality Team**

Virginia Powell and Emily Gamble spoke to the committee about child fatalities in Virginia. Handouts included Virginia State Child Fatality Review Team Reports dated January 2000, December 2001 and May 2005. Website was provided to access all reports.

It was confirmed that the State Fatality Review team doesn't review every case every year. They choose one area and focus on that. They plan to focus on child agriculture-related child deaths in the future.

Inability to share records between team and law enforcement s was identified as a large problem. The State team has recommended that the Governor make changes to current policylaw. A copy will be shared with this subcommittee (Fall 2011).

##### **Regional Child Fatality Teams**

Rita Katzman provided members a proposed plan to implement regional child fatality review teams in the five regional areas of the State. Implementation date is the first quarter of 2012. Although meetings held at the ME office seem to have better attendance, meetings can be rotated throughout a region. A copy is attached to the official minutes housed in the home office.

##### **Refresher Training for CPS workers**

Ms. Katzman spoke of recent training events, confirming 47 training sessions and over 900 CPS workers were trained on new tools. Seventeen sessions have been set for on-call workers. It is expected that refresher training can be adapted from the curriculum used for the recent training.

##### **Draft Charter for CPS Subcommittee**

Al Wilson asked that this item be carried over to the next meeting.

#### **Next Steps**

- Dr Sood is interested in a satisfaction survey for all parited in the CPS investigation process.
- Discussed having representation from law enforcement on the groupsubcommittee—thought it should be someone locally since meetings will be held in Richmond. Mr. Spadaccini advised he sits on the FBI Board and can arrange for representation if needed.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Eight hours of training for physicians—discuss Board- to-Board or Commissioner-to - Commissioner?
- MOU for CPS with law enforcement
- Intervention Services for cases that don't meet all 4 markers for a valid case.
- Overturned CPS appeals-concern that cases were overturned on a technicality.

**Future Meeting Date**

December 15, 2011 1 PM

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM